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Many Women With Many Hobbies Delight Members of Fortnightly; Many Interesting Exhibits Shown

A pleasant day with a very pleasant afternoon permitted an unusually large assemblage at the meeting of the Fortnightly club last Friday afternoon in Alexander hall. It was the Hobby meeting and little was said in advance of its purpose and program, but the event reached outstanding performance due to the untiring work of the committee who had the same in charge: Miss Maud Hamilton, Miss C. Ina Merriman and Miss Elizabeth Braley. Exhibits were displayed in the hall and a most interesting collection was examined. Objects displayed were: knitted work by Mrs. Goodspeed, Mrs. Roy Barrows, Miss Evelyn Lawley, Mrs. Ross Spencer and Mrs. Samuel Truesdell; Drawings, pencil sketches by Mrs. F. W. Freeman; Pressed flowers by Miss Victoria Freeman; Braided rug by Mrs. Austin Phelps; Old books by Mrs. Warren Whitman; Japanese trays by Mrs. Russell Durgin; Scrap books of important events, Mrs. C. R. Carmean, Mrs. George W. Norton, Miss Elizabeth Braley and Miss Silverthorne; Quilts, Mrs. R. B. Jack, Mrs. Frank Evans, Mrs. J. Lee Bolton and Mrs. Grove Deming; Old Silk Quilt, Mrs. E. J. Livingston; Coronation sampler, Mrs. Dan Sutherland; Old China, Mrs. Allen H. Wright; Pitchers, Mrs. Charles E. Leach and Mrs. Martin E. Vorce; Ship pictures, by Mrs. Ray Thompson; Glass by Mrs. J. V. McNeil; Animals, by David Kidder; Elephants by Kathryn Johnson; Old embroidered collars by Mrs. E. M. Morgan; Tatting by Miss Euphrasia Purrington; Crocheted bed spreads, table cloths and runners by Miss Mabel Book, Mrs. Fred Pallam, Mrs. J. Lee Bolton, Mrs. W. H. Waite, Mrs. L. H. Lazelle and Mrs. Grove Deming; Crocheted afghan, by Mrs. J. Lee Bolton; Stamps by Mrs. Herbert Reed, Mrs. L. H. Lazelle and Miss Julia Austin; Buttons by Miss Amy Hamilton; Photos of covered bridges and old New England churches, Miss

Maud Hamilton; Garden basket by Miss Mercy Brann; Daguerrotypes by Miss C. Ina Merriman; Quilting party in miniature by Mrs. George Thompson; Collar worn by Mrs. N. P. Woods mother on wedding dress 1846; Costumes of 1870, dresses, mostly family heir-looms by Mrs. William F. Hoehn who gave an explanation of them with a story concerning some; Dolls, were exhibited by Mrs. E. M. Morgan, Mrs. Martin Vorce, Mrs. E. J. Livingston, Mrs. H. H. Morse, Mrs. Frank H. Montague, Mrs. George Pefferlee, Mrs. Charles Hodgden, Miss Daisy Holton, Miss C. Ina Merriman. Several dolls shown belonged to the late Miss Sallie Minot and Mrs. Montague revealed in a talk that one was made by the mother for little Lydia Stebbins, who was taken captive by the Indians to Canada, brought back and now over 180 years old is in good condition. Mrs. Morse described her dolls of childhood. Miss Maud Hamilton spoke of the value of "hobbies." Mrs. McNeil spoke of glassware, Miss Lawley of Guatemala and its textiles, Mrs. Reed of stamp collecting. Miss Braley gave a reading on "Grandmothers quilt", Miss Merriman read some quaint epitaphs, Mrs. Ross Spencer read a verse written by Mrs. Wood giving the history of the wedding collar. Miss Helen Durgin rendered a violin solo in the program of the day, and Mrs. F. W. Dean showed some moving pictures of Cape Cod scenes.

The hostesses of the meeting were Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Billings, and Mrs. George Davis. Tea was poured by Mrs. Allen H. Wright and Mrs. Frank Evans. The hobby meeting was a great venture and a great success. The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be held Friday, Jan. 19 at 3 o'clock in Alexander hall when Mrs. Arthur Tozzer will discuss "current books." The tea hostesses will be Mrs. George Pefferlee, Mrs. Joseph Field and Miss Marion Holton.



The march of troops over and through snow-clad hills goes on and reports tell us of severe defeats and surprising victories won. There is no mistaking where our sympathies lie. The suffering of all is intense and the privations of non-combatants, women and children, the sick and the aged, must be provided for. We have pleaded for the unfortunate in Poland and other transgressed nations, but now our hearts are stirred for those of Finland. The Finnish Relief Committee, under former President Herbert Hoover, has already forwarded a half million dollars contributed in this country through the efforts of the newspapers. We have made a beginning in Northfield and sent in our first contributions. Will you give? Send your contribution to Mrs. Walter Hyde, our local treasurer at the Bookstore. The need is imperative. Don't delay your giving.

Haigis May Be A Delegate-At-Large To National Republican Convention; Endorsed by Northfield Committee

John W. Haigis of Greenfield makes a bid for designation as one of the four delegates-at-large to the national Republican convention from this state, which will meet this summer to formulate a platform and name the candidate of the party for the office of President and Vice President to be voted at the fall elections. Because of the long service to the party in this state by Mr. Haigis, he is considered likely to be named. The other three delegates will probably be Gov. Leverett Saltonstall, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and Rep. Joseph H. Martin, Jr., who is the Republican leader in the national house. Other have been named including two women serving with the state committee. The selection of Mr. Haigis would be particularly fitting, he having served as state treasurer, had been a candidate for Governor, and has been active in every effort of party endeavor. His friends are legion and they all unite in the hope that from western Massachusetts, the candidate selected may be Mr. Haigis. Other delegates to the state's quota will be named from each Congressional district. The naming of Mr. Haigis for the signal honor of a delegate-at-large to the Republican convention was only announced through the press on Monday of this week and on Monday evening of this week at a meeting of the Northfield Republican town committee, his candidacy was commended and support accorded. Mr. Haigis has always shown himself interested in Northfield and its activities, and he has been a frequent visitor to this town. In every endeavor he has always shown a kindly spirit to Northfield and his friends here and now he will be accorded, as in the past, a whole hearted cooperation.

Accepts New Position

Dr. Paul J. Braisted, former member of the Bible department at Mount Hermon school, will be connected with the Hazen Foundation in Haddam, Ct., for the next several months. Dr. Braisted left Mount Hermon in June of 1937 to head the Student Volunteer Movement.

"Swanee River"

The beloved and famous melodies that are America's only real folk music, and the thrilling story of the man who wrote them, comes to the Latchis Memorial Theatre, Brattleboro, Sunday for four days, in a magnificent technical motion picture, "Swanee River," the story of Stephen C. Foster, the great American troubadour.

With the nation already dotted with monuments to Stephen Foster, here is a fitting memorial in splendid entertainment worthy of the greatness of the unforgettable music he wrote.

Atoll Minister's Wife Pinch-hits For Husband

"A minister's wife has to be able to do more than preside at Ladies' Aid society meetings. Parishioners of the Atoll Unitarian church were surprised last Sunday morning when Mrs. Dorothy Simonetti, wife of Rev. Leon S. Simonetti, conducted the first part of the service." So reads a press item from that town.

Mrs. Simonetti arrived later and delivered the sermon. It was explained that the pastor was so ill it was doubted he could carry the whole service. With his wife as an able assistant, the service was held without a break.

Mrs. Simonetti is the former Dorothy Allen of Northfield who for a time was connected with the work of the youth hostel in its headquarters building here.

A German Leaflet Studied By Editor

While several newspapers throughout this section of the state have reported that residents of their town have received propaganda pamphlets through the mail from Germany, none have been reported as being received by any person in Northfield or its immediate vicinity. However, the Editor of the Press, has been privileged to obtain one and examine it. It was addressed to Dr. Robert A. Hoehn of Rochester, N. Y., who is a nephew of the Editor. It was mailed from Weissbad, and of course, blames the war on England and France, supported by a word from Stalin, and goes on in explanation. No American citizen accepts it as a truth and will not be influenced by its theory. There is no evidence of the sender. The envelope was plain, without a return card and bore the German postage stamp.

California Coudens Gave Good Program

In both the Gill town hall, last Friday evening and in the Northfield town hall on Tuesday evening the California Coudens gave a fine entertainment in their "carnival of fun." There were feats of magic, music on the piano accordion, baton swinging, and a punch and judo show. Mr. Couden gave some fine exhibitions of skill with balls and clubs and Mrs. Couden revealed the old London marionettes. It was a home-coming for Mrs. Couden, who is a native of Gill, the daughter of Dan Van Valkenburgh and she has many friends hereabouts. The Gill performance was given by the Parent-Teachers' association and the local show for the benefit of the senior class Washington trip fund. At both places Mrs. Couden was given a most cordial greeting by her friends which revolved itself into a form of reception.

Gives Twenty-five Years of Service To The Republican Town Committee And Now Retires as its Chairman

The Republican town committee of Northfield met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr on Winchester road Monday evening for an important session to consider many political matters. The committee surveyed conditions existing in the community previous to the coming town meeting and will hold another session following the town meeting when the Registrars have completed the list of voters of the town. After 25 years of service as a member of the town committee, and its chairman in recent years, Mr. Carr tendered his resignation of that office, but was prevailed upon to remain as a member and was elected as treasurer. In the election William F. Hoehn was chosen as the new chairman and Mrs. Carroll Miller as secretary. The committee voted an increase in its membership from eight to ten and the new members are Mrs. Ross L. Spencer of the local Womens Republican club and Charles Repeta, who will represent our citizens of Polish extraction. To fill an existing vacancy, Horace Bolton, representing West Northfield was chosen. Expression of appreciation was voiced for Mr. Carr, who has given much time and effort to the work of the committee. He enlisted as a member in 1914 and has served continuously since then. However the members are glad to have him continue with his advice and helpfulness at its sessions. The forthcoming national election will provide some active work to be accomplished.

The American Legion Will Conduct Contest

The annual oratorical contests of the American Legion will again be held in this state and a committee consisting of Leslie Miller of Agawam, Dr. A. A. Westwall of Belchertown and Charles A. Durbin of North Adams has been named to arrange for the same in three western Massachusetts districts.

State prizes are \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$15 in cash. The National prize is a \$4000 college scholarship.

To compete boys and girls must be regular high school attendants and under 19 years of age on June 1. The subject to be discussed is the Constitution of the United States or some phase of it.

School winners must be chosen before Feb. 9, district winners before March 1, and zone winners by March 8. The zone winners will meet in the state finals at Worcester on March 15. The state champions will then engage in the national competition and State Legion Commander Ralph H. Lavers has invited National Commander Raymond J. Kelly to hold the finals in Faneuil Hall at Boston.

Local Legion posts will conduct the contests in their own communities.

Christmas Seal Report

The campaign for the sale of Christmas seals in Northfield has closed and nearly all of the returns have been made. A few are still out probably by oversight and such persons are urged to send them in immediately so that the final figures may be announced. Mrs. Ray Thompson who has served as the local treasurer reports that the total receipts up to date amount to about \$100 which will be added to the general fund in the county to fight tuberculosis in any form. The sales are about the same as in previous years.

Kurn Hattin Homes

W. Irving Mayo, Jr., director of the Kurn Hattin Homes in Vermont, sends to the Press and to friends in town, a brief resume of the activities of these well-known homes for boys and girls. Both institutions are filled to capacity and the health of the young folks has been particularly good. At this season of the year much interest is being shown in outdoor sports on their well-kept skating rink and on the snows with skiing and sleighing. The library is much used and their is a need of contributions of good books. Anyone having some good books suitable for young folks which they can spare, might send them direct to the homes or be given to the Editor of the Press for forwarding.

Damages Are Sought For Vernon Accident

Two suits have been filed in superior court against Priscilla Porter Lawrence of this town, which total \$5,000, by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogue of Gill as the result of an accident early last summer in Vernon on the highway at the junction of the road which diverts toward the Vernon dam.

The Bogues are represented by Fairhurst, Hayes and Herr of Greenfield, while the defendant is represented by Mayo A. Darling of Concord.

In one suit Ralph B. Bogue of Gill seeks \$2000 to recover for personal injuries, property damage and medical care for his wife Ella, which he claims resulted from the accident.

Mrs. Bogue seeks \$3000 for personal injuries allegedly sustained in the collision with the Lawrence car.

Mount Hermon School Winter Sports Schedule

The schedule for the winter sports of Mount Hermon has been announced and the events with dates are as follows:

Basketball: Feb. 3, Deerfield; 10, at Vermont academy; 14, Wilbraham; 24, Williston.

Hockey: Jan. 27, at Williston; Feb. 3, Wilbraham; 10, Vermont academy; 14, at Deerfield; 24, alumni.

Swimming: Feb. 14, at Mass. State frosh; 17, Trinity frosh; 21, at Wesleyan frosh; Mar. 2, at Deerfield.

Skiing: Jan. 20, at Vermont academy; Feb. 3, Williston; 10, Deerfield (tentative); 24, Putney, Vt.

Fencing: Jan. 27, at Yale frosh; Feb. 14, Wilbraham; 17, at Loomis.

Wrestling: Feb. 10, at Amherst frosh; 17, at Loomis; 21, at Wesleyan frosh; 28, Suffield.

Grange Installation

There was a large attendance at Grange hall Wednesday evening when Deputy Fred Dole of Shelburne installed the newly elected officers of the Northfield Grange. Supper was served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Minnie Skinner, Mrs. Bertha Ricket and Mrs. Lewis Shine.



DEPUTY FRED DOLE
Who installed the Grange Officers

Town Caucus Called

The caucus for the nomination of candidates for the various town offices has been officially called by the posting of the notices in the post offices. The time has been fixed for Wednesday evening, Jan. 17 at 8 o'clock. It is urged that all who can, attend as it is very important that nominations be made of proper persons who are able to care for the best interests of the community.

Foreign Policy Ass'n

The Foreign Policy association of Franklin county will hold its next session on Thursday evening Jan. 18 at Deerfield academy with supper at 6 o'clock. The speaker will be Vernon Nash, chief exponent of "Union Now" by Clarence Streit. Tickets are limited and reservations should be made immediately of Dr. David R. Porter, chairman, or of Mrs. Charles N. Stoddard, Jr., secretary of 5 Congress street, Greenfield. It is said that a large delegation from Northfield will attend.

Ding Dong! Ding Dong! Any Old Paper Please? The Scouts Want Them

The local troop of the Boy Scouts, No. 9, are in business now to raise funds and they are going to do it in a way that will spell success for everyone in town will be willing to show their willingness to help them.

The scouts want your old papers, magazines and worn out books and they will be glad to call at your home and get them. Send word to any Boy Scout, or call him in and he will be happy of your assistance. After the collection and accumulation of the old stock will be sold and the money applied, one third to the scout who does the collecting toward his uniform or to pay for a trip to the council summer camp. The balance will go to the general fund for use in making improvements to the new Scout Lodge on Ashuelot hill and for other scout activities. You can do your bit by saving your old paper and give the bundle to our boy scouts. Do it now. Ding-dong! Ding-dong, any old paper?

Sam Truesdell is the local commissioner and he can be reached by phone 50 for any particulars.

A Highway Project

Public Works Commissioner John W. Beal has announced his highway projects for 1940 in the state and the list of improvements call for several undertakings in Franklin county. The only provision for new construction here is the building of a new bridge on the Warwick-Northfield road over the brook about three miles from Warwick. The old bridge had been washed out by flood waters and an improvised structure has been of service since. It is said that the state has available four and a half million dollars in state and federal funds for highway projects.

The Aviation School

Many applications are being made for training as flight pilots in the federal civilian aviation ground school to be conducted at Greenfield and of the total applicants already accepted, three are from Northfield and one from South Vernon. Nearly all the county towns are represented in the applications received. A ground school will be conducted with instructors in charge, but details of the time and place for the 72-hour school have not been made. There are ten competitive flight scholarships to be awarded on the basis of final ground school examinations of which one may be a girl.

Several Fire Alarms

The fire department was called out last Saturday evening for a fire at the house of Mrs. E. F. Howard off Highland avenue. An oil heater had balked and caught fire, smudging the rooms and damaging the woodwork as well as burning the rug. Quick work put out the fire but the damage is estimated at near \$300. On Saturday evening a chimney fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reed was put out without damage. On Sunday the department was called to the Russell home at the Farms for a chimney fire. No serious damage resulted.

DON'T FORGET You Have A Date

TOWN CAUCUS
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Wednesday, Jan. 17
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ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
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REGISTRATION
Saturday, January 13
7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
Wednesday, Jan. 24
12 M - 10:00 P. M.

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Students Show Interest In Hermon Athletics

Nearly 400 boys are out for the six winter sports at Mount Hermon school, according to Axel B. Forslund, athletic director. In hockey, 50 are out for the varsity team, and 23 for junior league. Nearly 100 are trying out for skiing; 102 for basketball, 36 for wrestling, and 25 for fencing.

Captain Joe Garrison leads the hockey squad with Gerry and Blakslee as veterans. Hockey coaches are Forslund, Baxter, Ted Horton, and Dave Haraway. Bob Birdsall leads off the skiers, closely followed by his brother, Dick, Dean Carmean, Maltby, and Tyler. The skiers are coached by Frank Bisson, Robert Cole, who is also coach at the Seminary and the Hotel, and Rolfe Carmean, former varsity-letter man.

The swimmers are led by Shelton and the following veterans: Van Ingen, Weymouth, Littwin, and Kalland. "Chick" Cutter and Thor Henriksen coach the swimmers. The basketball squad has only one veteran left, Burdge. Coaches are George Hanna, former Dartmouth varsity basketball star, Jimmy Mirtz, Marr, Alec Gibson, Niblock, and Hadley. In wrestling Nick Milton and John Hoffmann are veterans, coached by Eddy Benney. Captain Scott Pruyn leads the fencers, followed by Kidder and Chandler. Philip Mangano is the coach.

Prominent Minister Dies

The death of Rev. Dr. Charles Stout Woodruff, age 92, oldest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he saw organized, died in St. Petersburg, Fla., Saturday, Jan. 6 of a heart attack. He was the father of Rev. Dr. C. C. Woodruff pastor of Centenary Methodist church of Newark, N. J., a summer resident of East Northfield and president of the Rustic Ridge association. The elder Dr. Woodruff had made his home at Ocean Grove, N. J. but last October had gone to Florida. He had been active in the Christian ministry for 56 years. He was born at Mendham, N. J., in 1847, was a graduate of Wesleyan at Middletown, Ct., and was ordained in 1871. Local friends extend their sympathy to the surviving family.

Hermon-Seminary Sunday Speakers



Dr. George B. Cutten, president of Colgate University, will speak in Mount Hermon Memorial chapel at both the 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. services next Sunday.

The Northfield Seminary students will hear the Rev. George W. Shepherd, missionary to China, in Sage chapel at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Christian Co-operation Is Fellowship Theme

Friends of the New England Fellowship, with headquarters in Boston and a conference grounds at Rumney, N. H., have received this week a circular, which details their work and effort in connection with the churches of New England. Their representatives have often appeared in the local Congregational church and have won many friends, who have enlisted to support their work. The Fellowship has dispelled much prejudice, inspired confidence and provoked enthusiasm for the cause of religion. The movement enjoys the respect and friendship of leaders in evangelistic work who commend its very complete program. The leader of the organization is Dr. J. Elwyn Wright who has a staff of competent workers enrolled. The Fellowship deserves the interest of Christian men and women and those who are unfamiliar with its purposes should write for a copy of its new informative circular to Dr. Wright at 5 Park street, Boston.

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TOWN TOPICS

The Evening Auxiliary of the Congregational church will meet this Friday evening with Mrs. George Marshall on Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed and William A. Barr motored to Boston on a business trip on Wednesday.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright entertained a number of friends at a bridge and luncheon party at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Jones J. Fisher of Northfield Mountain left Wednesday morning to spend the remainder of the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla. He was accompanied by friends from Charlemont.

There is to be a special meeting of the Historical Society Friday afternoon at four o'clock at the library hall of Dickinson library.

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church held a most interesting meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. V. McNeil on Maple street. Mrs. C. H. Webster, Miss Emma Alexander and Mrs. Mary A. Holton presented the program.

Charles C. Morgan entertained a number of his friends last Saturday evening at cards. Refreshments were served.

An auto driven at a fast rate of speed came up the hill from Mill Brook recently and for some reason skidded, turned a half circle and crashed against a pole badly damaging the car. Fortunately no one was injured and the car traveled on to a garage for repairs.

Sub-zero temperatures returned to all places in Franklin county on Wednesday morning as the cold wave which has bound the east for weeks continued. The mercury dropped to ten below in several communities, including this town as reported by several citizens.

The Northfield Health Council met last Monday evening with the district nurse at the town hall, but only routine business was transacted.

Dickinson library has been presented with a year's subscription to the "Rotarian" by the Greenfield Rotary club.

Some very excellent ice still continues being harvested from Wanamaker pond. It is very solid and clear.

Mid-term examinations will be held next week at the Northfield Seminary.

A real treat is on Saturday evening at Camp hall at Mount Hermon when the Hermon Players present "Journey's End."

Mrs. Robert Moore of Philadelphia, accompanied by her daughters, Barbara and Mary Helen, spent a few days at the Northfield Hotel during the holidays.

The board of registrars will be session at the town hall on Saturday from 7 to 9 p. m. and on Wednesday the 24th from 12 noon to 10 p. m.

Mrs. Charles H. Webster, who has been organist at the Unitarian church so acceptably for over 40 years has resigned and her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, has taken her place.

The Womens Missionary society of Mount Hermon will meet next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry A. Erickson, with William Morrow and Miss Caroline Smith as speakers.

The success of the hobby show of the fortnightly last week Friday has suggested that a similar but larger show be arranged for all citizens of the town at the town hall at a later date.

The many friends of Mrs. Nellie M. Wood are glad to learn that she is steadily improving after her recent illness which confined her to her room for several weeks. A nurse is still in attendance however.

George Chapman of the Plains road is gaining in health after his long serious illness and stay at a hospital in Boston.

Mrs. William R. Moody is leaving this week to spend the remainder of the winter in Augusta, Ga., where she has secured a small apartment and will be near her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malbon. Mrs. Moody's maid, Ellen, will accompany her. During her absence, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt will occupy the homestead.

Miss Patricia Jennings of Somers, Ct., in company of a young lady friend, will bike to Florida starting this week and enjoy outdoor life on the way. She is a Girl Scout camp director and is a graduate of Northfield Seminary. She is an outdoor sports enthusiast.

Miss Ruby Elizabeth Dearborn and William E. Ball, both of Greenfield, will be married in Robbins Memorial church on Saturday, Jan. 27. Miss Dearborn is a graduate of Northfield Seminary and has been employed at Wilson's department store in Greenfield. She has many friends here.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marlow Neuberth of White Plains, N. Y., to George M. Bailey also of White Plains. The wedding will take place in the spring. Miss Neuberth is a graduate of the Northfield Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. David B. Tomkins are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. F. Randolph, Jr., and family in Westfield, N. J. this week. Dr. Tomkins is attending a business meeting of an organization with which he is connected and will also deliver the installation address to the pastor, who has been called to succeed him at the Presbyterian church in Princeton.

Miss Betty Kehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehl, of Parker avenue, who spent the holiday vacation at her home, has returned to her studies at Simmons college.

Miss Dorothy Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phelps was graduated from the nurses' training school at the Brattleboro hospital last week. She will remain on call at that hospital. Her sister, Miss Ruth Phelps, who also has been in training there, has gone to Portland, Me., to serve with the Children's hospital there for a three months' period.

Luckey O. Clapp attended the sessions of the Agricultural Union meetings in Worcester last week.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of Northfield Farms will hold a meeting at the Farms library next Wednesday.

Effective April 1, the savings department of the Vermont Peoples National bank will pay interest on accounts at the rate of one and one-half per cent. Two per cent was the former interest rate. Local depositors have been notified.

West Northfield and South Vernon

A son was born, Jan. 3, at the Franklin county hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Thayer of Greenfield. The child is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Martineau and great grandson of Mrs. H. B. Martineau of South Vernon. Quite a number of the young people will attend the dance of the Vernon Grange in their hall this Friday evening.

At the meeting of the Vernon Grange held Wednesday evening, a debate on "The Traffic Laws Should Be Uniform in All States" was held. The affirmative was by Karl Sweet, Gencie Bruce and Leroy Dunklee. The negative by Victor Vaughan, Hattie Dunklee and Carey Tyler.

Encouraging word from the South Vernon-East Northfield railroad station is that traffic is increasing, express shows a greater volume, and the mails are heavier. Many persons took advantage of the special low-rate excursions during the holiday season.

Motor traffic on the highway via Vernon is constantly increasing between Northfield and Brattleboro. The distance is less than via Hinsdale and the road is more open.

Rev. Benjamin White of Boston will be the preacher at the South Vernon church next Sunday at both the morning service at 10:30 and the evening service at 7. Sunday school at 11:45. Mid-week service Thursday evening at the Vernon Home at 7 o'clock.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Gray at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital on Dec. 31.

Another Hostel Story; Hosteling in Belgium

Folklore and hosteling are closely linked in Belgium. The hostel leaders have probed deep into the customs and traditions of Flanders and Walloon and have brought to the surface the hidden roots which give meaning to the art, the weaving and wood carving, the clapping-stamping folk dances, and boisterous folk songs. The association publishes magazine articles on folklore, makes available in the hostels books about their people, arranges week-end outings, folk song and folk dance rallies, and participates in popular cultural demonstrations. Through the colorful and spontaneous presentation and sharing of their way of life, the Belgians believe that the youth of other lands will return home with a sympathetic understanding of the Flemish and Walloon people.

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Friday, January 12, 1940

EDITORIAL

The age old question of "Am I my brother's keeper?" comes to the fore with the announcement of "Brotherhood Week." Christians and Jews are striving in conference to bring about a recognition of the rights of all men to be free and to live together in an atmosphere of sincere brotherhood and friendship. It is a matter of concern to all kinds and conditions of men, it signifies a proper relation between individuals as such. Let us establish a spirit of fraternity, of justice, of charity, among ourselves and future relationships among groups will react accordingly. "As a man is in his heart, so is he." The President in a message on Brotherhood Week asks that the "nation shall be rededicated to the principles that all men are brothers, that religious prejudice and intolerance may not here destroy that unity in freedom which is the strength of our national character."

Massachusetts is going to the dogs in matters of taxation. This is no idle dream but a reality, in which it is proposed to tax dogs as personal property according to their real valuation as pedigreed stock. It sounds like a joke but believe me, the words have been spoken in earnest, by higher authorities than yours truly. The only comment that the Editor has to make, is that it is a pretty poor piece of publicity, a rather poor advertisement of a community for smallness, that has ever come to our attention. It may come to pass that the canary may be taxed, according to the sweetness of his song. In that event we'll have to use a stuffed canary.

Back Yard Gardener

Did you ever hear the story of the college girl who said, "You see, Grandma, we make an aperture in the posterior end and a similar aperture in the anterior end and then by applying the lips and forcefully inhaling the breath the shell is entirely discharged of its contents."

"Mercy me," said grandma, "they certainly make great improvements these days. In my young days we just made a hole in both ends and sucked."

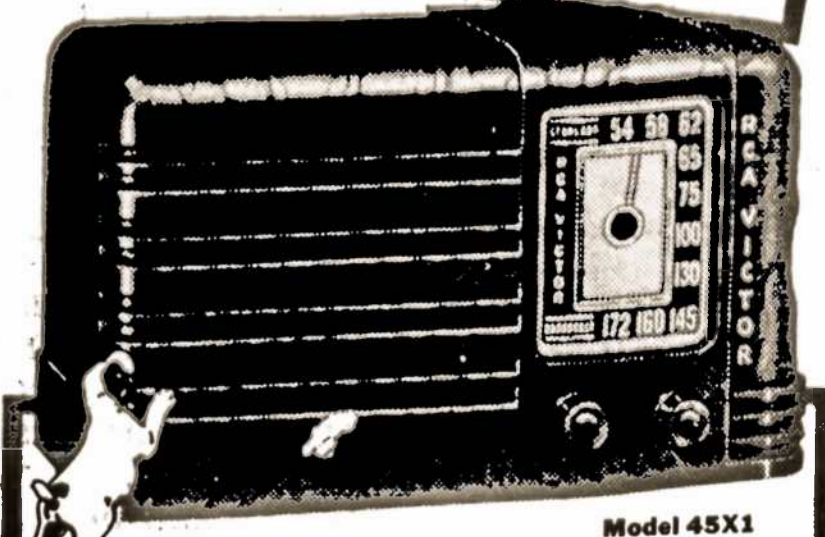
What made me think of that one was the item I saw in the paper the other day about experimental work conducted to prevent premature falling of apples. Some varieties lose a great many apples before the fruit has a chance to become thoroughly ripened. Well, the U. S. D. A. scientists have studied this proposition out and have discovered a new spray which will reduce the falling of apples. The chemical used was naphthalene acetic acid. Its concentration is about one thousandth of one per cent, and yet on certain tests it reduced the drop to less than one per cent. Previously to this, the same trees had dropped as high as 64 per cent.

"Pop" Miller says you try to learn something every day. So I'm just reporting on the things I learned recently. One was on apple and fruit trees coming into bearing. I asked Art French when I might expect a grapefruit tree, planted from seed, to bear fruit, if at all. He said that eventually it should flower and fruit. The main reason most trees fail to do so is the unnatural condition under which they live as house plants. And then he told me that a fruit tree if it had more food elements than it needed would

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keep on growing and might never bear fruit. It is only when the tree becomes starved to some extent at least that it starts to bear fruit.

You remember a few weeks ago I told you about insects and how they were able to maintain their species in spite of what scientists do to eliminate them. Well, here is one reason why insects spread as rapidly as they do.

Entomologists send up aeroplanes for the express purpose of trapping insects and they have captured bollweevils at 2,000 feet, spotted cucumber beetles at 3,000 feet, and leafhoppers up as high as 13,000 feet. And even springtails and silver fish have been found floating along in the air at 8,000 to 10,000 feet. So I guess if insects can travel that high, it's no wonder that they spread from one section of the country to another.

And one other unusual item that I read recently that I thought might interest you folks was that at one time there were societies in Massachusetts to prevent horse stealing. I saw a hand bill in an old Colonial house which offered a reward for the Horse Thief Detective Society of Norfolk and Bristol Counties, April, 1769. I had always been under the impression that horse stealing was prevalent only in the wild and woolly West.

Know Massachusetts

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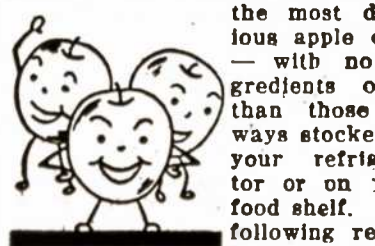
State Planning Board

Do you know that in 1899 Boston closed its parks to automobiles between 10 a. m. and 9 p. m. because they frightened the horses... In 1939 nearly one million motor vehicles of all kinds were registered in the state... The 3c gasoline tax in 1939 amounted to about \$21,550,000... The first electric automobile was built in Boston in 1892 by Fiske Warren... Average value of dwelling units in Massachusetts is between \$5000 and \$6000... Of the causes of death, heart diseases rank first, cancer second, cerebral hemorrhage third, pneumonia fourth, nephritis fifth and accidents of all kinds sixth... Loans and outright expenditures of the

A Three-Apple Cake

By Frances Lee Barton

HAVE you three apples left on the fruit dish? If not, get some quickly and you can prepare the most delicious apple cake



that this statement is correct:

Apple Cake
2 cups sifted cake flour; 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 3 tablespoons sugar; 4 tablespoons butter or other shortening; 3/4 cup milk; 3 apples, pared, cored, and thinly sliced; 2 tablespoons butter; 1/4 cup sugar; 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and 3 tablespoons sugar, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add milk all at once and stir carefully until all flour is dampened. Then stir vigorously until mixture forms a soft dough and follows spoon around bowl. Turn out immediately on lightly floured board and knead 30 seconds. Pat into greased pan, 8 x 8 x 2 inches; cover surface of dough with overlapping apple slices. Dot with butter and sprinkle with mixture of 1/4 cup sugar and cinnamon. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 35 minutes. Serve warm with cream, if desired. Serves 8.

A mule has two legs behind, And two legs before; You stand behind before you find What the two behind be for.

LEGAL

All persons having articles which they desire inserted in the warrant for consideration at the town meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, 1940, should see that they reach the hands of the Selectmen not later than Monday, Jan. 15.

Board of Selectmen
Fred A. Holton, Chairman

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American Income Rises 12 Cents; Living Costs Up a Cent Over Year Ago

PURCHASING POWER NOVEMBER, 1939, Compared with NOVEMBER, 1938

INVESTORS SYNDICATE MINNEAPOLIS

1930 Dollar	Cash Income-1939	Cash Outgo-1939	Real Income-1939
\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.12	\$1.12

THE above chart, showing how the average American fared in national income changes in the last twelve months, is based on the monthly consumers' study of Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Public in November had a "real income" of \$1.12, or an increase of 12 cents on the dollar over the same 1938 month. This "real income" is not a subtraction of cash income and expenditures, but an average relative of these figures designed to show how living costs affect adjusted income dollars. Cash income of Mr. and Mrs. Public in November was \$1.14 for every \$1 a year earlier. This gain of fourteen cents on the dollar resulted from the following changes per dollar: wages up twenty-one cents and salaries nine cents; investment income was up eighteen cents and other income was up six cents on the dollar.

Rents, food and clothes in November were unchanged from a year ago, but miscellaneous items were up four cents.

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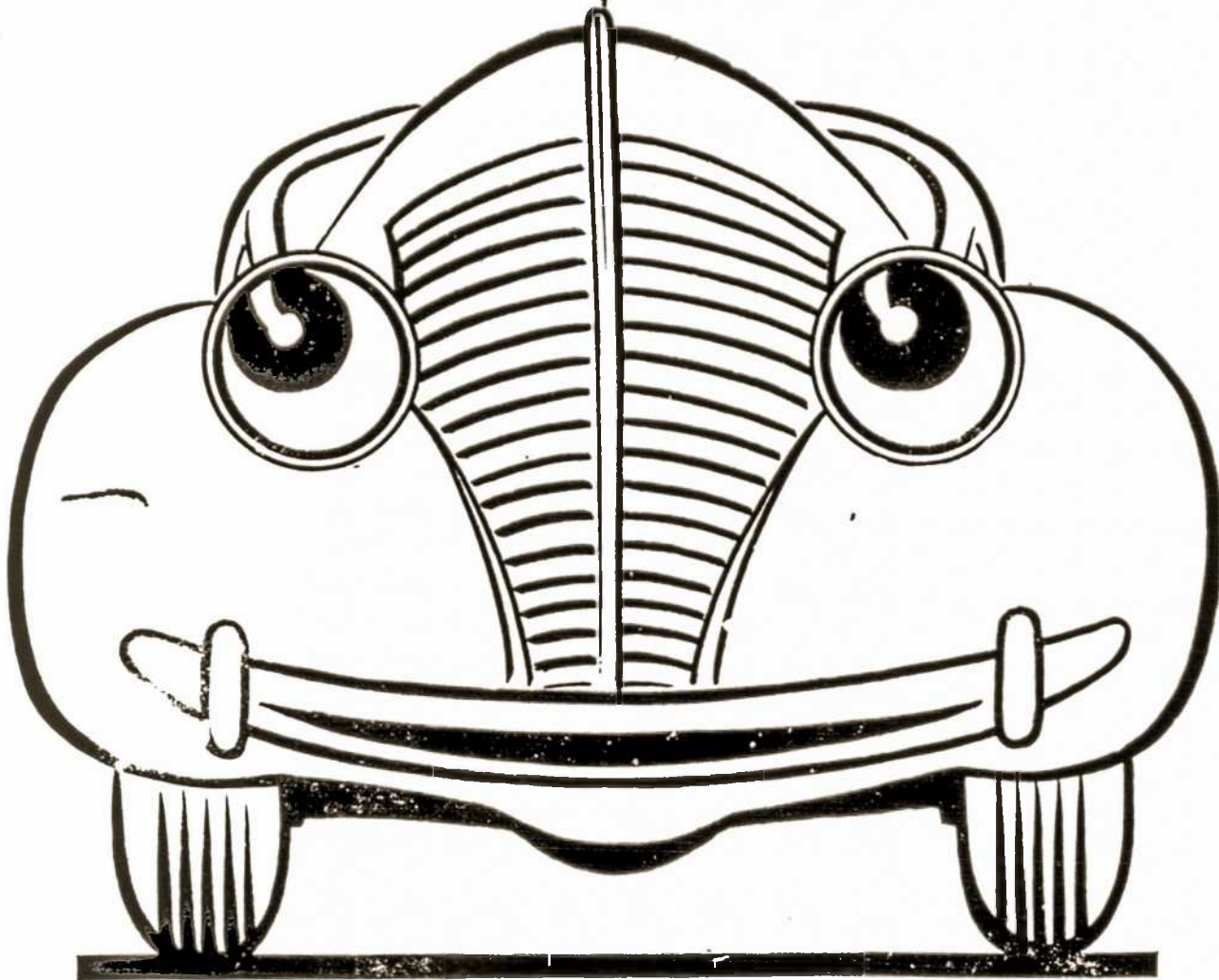
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Looking Backward; A Local Tax List For The Year 1861

While looking over some old papers in his possession recently, Otis Fisher, came across a newspaper clipping which publicized a list of the taxpayers of Northfield for the year 1861, who paid the sum of \$20 and over in that year. The number of polls in Northfield for that year was 443 and the valuation of the real estate amounted to \$523,279. Personal property assessed was \$147,315. The rate of taxation was 65 cents per hundred dollars. The list of the taxpayers with the amount of their tax paid was as follows:

Alexander, Josiah	\$32.37
Alexander, Charles	29.01
Alexander, Henry	25.40
Alexander, Arad	31.26
Alexander, Samuel	36.75
Allen, Zebulon	36.53
Alexander, George	20.08
Alexander, Elisha	36.25
Brown, William	38.10
Barber, Jonathan	27.07
Britton, Prentice	20.20
Belding, Elijah E.	37.47
Brigham, Joseph C.	26.97
Belcher, Jonathan	42.18
Colton, Richard	25.09
Colton, Eli H.	21.74
Cook, Mrs. Lucinda	21.84
Callender, Daniel S.	62.94
Callender, Miss Sarah	26.70
Cole, Rufus	41.70
Dickinson, Job M.	21.31
Dickinson, N. P.	30.63
Dutton, Samuel W.	46.10
Fay, Windsor L.	20.16
Field, Thomas J.	73.70
Fay, Joel	67.81
Field, Walter	45.63
Field, Reuben M.	32.09
Field, Samuel	23.03
Green, Hugh W.	77.18
Holton, Roswell	22.23
Holton, Cyrus	34.83
Hilliard, Cornelius	25.06
Holton, Horace	20.29
Holton, Asa A.	24.79
Holton, George	24.00
Hastings & Co.	33.71
Shirley Miller, Richard Whitney	20.26
Assignee	41.20
Johnson, Henry	24.93
Greeneleaf, Gardier, non-resident	29.99
Lyman, Simeon	20.08
Lord, Franklin	29.09
Lane, Samuel	31.87
Lyman, James	79.80
Lyman, Jonathan	25.20
Mattoon, Ezekiah	28.09
Mattoon, James	73.69
Minot, Jonathan	56.28
Mattoon, John L.	53.19
Mattoon, Oliver E.	28.91
Metcalfe, Thomas	23.74
Merriman, James	20.39
Montague, Henry W.	20.96
Merriman, Cleason	34.46
Merriman, Louis	23.80
Nash, Judah	21.17
Nye, Artemas	29.07
Osgood, Charles	42.01
Parsons, Albert C.	34.44
Priest, James E.	45.33
Purple, Nelson W.	117.28
do Guardian	65.31
Pomeroy, Charles	44.52
do Treas. Trust Fund 1st Parish	23.97
Stratton, Harris	34.48
Stratton, Elisha	33.16
Stratton, William H.	23.71
Stearns, Charles	20.23
Stratton, Elijah Dr.	

Church Services

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The service will center around the thought of "A Worthy Tribute." The young people will meet in the vestry for plans and recreation Friday evening, Jan. 19 at 7:30 o'clock.

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. Stanley Carne

At 10 o'clock, Sunday school; at 11, regular preaching service, with sermon subject "Multitudes Came To Jesus." At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service. At 6:45, C. E. meeting. At 7:30, preaching service at the vestry.

Monday at 7:45, Friendly society meets with Mrs. William Mitchell.

Tuesday at 3, Bible class with Mrs. Colton; Mrs. Giebel leader. At 7:45, C. E. Cottage prayer service.

Thursday, all-day meeting of the Sewing society; lunch at noon. At 7:30, weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

The Honor Roll Of Pine Street School

The honor roll of Pine Street school for November and December as reported by Esther M. Williams, principal is as follows:

High honors, Marion Allen, Arlene Finch, Katherine Moody of grade 7; Edwin Finch, grade 6; Claire Huber, grade 5; Anne Livingston, grade 4; and Vera Allen, grade 3.

Honors: Phebe Stacy, Neil Churchill, John Rikert, grade 7; Portia Chamberlin, Margaret Manchinni, Ruth Norton, Irving Walker, Kenneth Walker, grade 6; Donald Norton, Gordon Leavis, Richard Mitchell, grade 5; Philip Huber, grade 4; Irwin Severance, Shirley Miller, Richard Whitney, grade 3.

Perfect attendance: Marion Allen, Helen Howard, John Rikert, grade 7; Ellen Briesmaster, Barbara Given, Ruth Norton, Eleanor Severance, Edwin Finch, Herbert LaPlante, grade 6; Barbara Holton, Claire Huber, Donald Norton, grade 5; Stephen Howard, Paul Rikert, grade 4; Irwin Severance, Roger Allen, grade 3; Edith McIntire, Anne Richner, grade 2; Barbara Griswold, Billy Potter, grade 1.

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Stratton, Albert	29.58
Webster, Arad	28.41
Webb, Jehiel O.	36.53
Wright, Henry	40.50
Watress, Elijah W.	51.75
Wright, Phineas	90.69
Wildes, Earl	22.16
Young, Joseph	24.66

The Editor of the Press is appreciative of the loan of the original news item from Mr. Fisher and it is quite certain the details will be of interest to many in the town who are descendants of its former families.

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Dies In Automobile While On A Drive

Mrs. Myrtle Joslyn Starkey, 35, of Hinsdale, N. H., died in an automobile suddenly, somewhere between Keene and Winchester on Thursday evening of last week, while returning home from a visit at Pepperell. The car was driven by Earl Royce of Hinsdale who acted as her chauffeur and who rushed her to the office of Dr. Fox at Winchester, where she was pronounced dead. Medical authorities took charge of the case. Mrs. Starkey was the widow of William A. Starkey and lived on the old "Bruce" place on the plains in Hinsdale. She has three children between the ages of three and sixteen.

Mrs. Starkey was born in Northfield June 28, 1904 the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Joslyn. She was married sixteen years ago and her husband died in January, 1938, after a brief illness.

State Examiners Here

Examiners of the state arrived in town last week-end to begin the annual audit of the town books. The accounts of all officials will be checked and surveyed and a report issued later to the selectmen. The summary will be included in the annual printed report of the town which it is hoped to have ready for distribution at the time of the annual meeting, which will be on Monday, Feb. 5.

Marionettes Coming

Saturday, Jan. 20, the entertainment committee of Northfield Seminary will sponsor the appearance of Sue Hastings and her Marionettes in both an afternoon and evening performance at Silverthorne hall. The matinee will be a presentation of "Sinbad the Sailor" and the evening show will be "Winnie the Pooh".

Banquet Days Are Here Again

By Frances Lee Barton

As the days get cooler, we begin to use the word "banquet" again. Even our home desserts are banquet desserts. New forms, new flavors and more elaborate dishes are in order. Guests expect them. The members of the family hope for them. Here's one:

Banquet Pudding
1 or 2 egg yolks; 4 cups milk; 1/2 cup quick-cooking tapioca; 1/2 cup sugar; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1 or 2 egg whites; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 1/2 to 3/4 cup diced preserved or crystallized ginger; 1/2 cup cream, whipped; nut meats, coarsely broken.
Mix egg yolk with small amount of milk in top of double boiler. Add remaining milk, tapioca, sugar, and salt. Place over rapidly boiling water and cook 10 to 12 minutes after water boils again, stirring frequently. Beat egg white until just stiff enough to hold shape. Fold hot tapioca mixture gradually into egg white. Cool — mixture thickens as it cools. When slightly cool, add flavoring and ginger, reserving 2 tablespoons ginger for garnish. Chill. Fold in cream. Serve in sherbet glasses. Garnish with additional whipped cream, and sprinkle with ginger and nuts. Serves 8.

Recruiting Officer (to new recruit): What's your religion?
Recruit (promptly and very smartly): Militia, sir.
Recruiting Officer: No, no! I said religion.
Recruit: Oh, religion, sir. I beg your pardon. I'm a plumber.

Father: When Abe Lincoln was your age he was thinking about making his own living.
Son: Yes and when he was your age he was president.